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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend this application simultaneously with filing the  
accompanying application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT

Delete the Abstract and replace it with the Abstract presented on  
a separate page.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, Line 3, before this line insert the following paragraph  
heading:

FIELD AND BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Page 2, Line 2, before this line insert the following paragraph heading:

#### SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Page 3, delete the paragraph starting on line 23

Page 5, Line 1, before this line insert the following paragraph heading:

#### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Page 5, Line 26, before this line insert the following paragraph heading:

#### DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

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This Amendment accompanying this application is being made to place this application in proper form and condition for examination as of the filing of this application. No multiple-dependent claim fees apply.

Therefore no multiple-dependent claim fees should be charged in this application.

The specification has been amended for formal improvement to comply with USA practice.

An amended Abstract is presented on a separate page herewith.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter this Amendment prior to calculation of the filing fee, and to provide an action on the merits.

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### Abstract

For a data card unit (1), in which the data cards (68) are transported by motor into the reading/writing position, a two-armed rocker (13), on one arm of which a closing element (57) is arranged, is provided for closing the insertion opening. The other arm of the rocker (13) has a sensing element (66, 67). The distance between the closing element (57) and the sensing element (66, 67) is chosen to be equal to or greater than the length of the data card (68) and the assignment of the closing element (57) and the sensing element (66, 67) to the plane of movement of the data card (68) is set up such that, during the insertion/ejection of a data card (68), the rocker (13) is pivoted by the data card (68) and either the closing element (57) or the sensing element (66, 67) enters the plane of movement of the data card (68).